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BANJUL, DECEMBER 21

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1. WITH DEC 22 DEPARTURE OF LAST SAHELIAN PRESIDENT, BANJUL RETURNED
TO ITS MORE HABITUAL CALM, BASKING IN KNOWLEDGE THAT CILSS CONFER-

ENCE HAD BEEN MAJOR SUCCESS. GAMBIANS AT ALL LEVEL EXERTED MAXIMUM TO ACHIEVE THIS RESULT, EFFORT WHICH DREW WARM PRAISE FROM ALL PARTICIPANTS. CABLE REPORTING MAJOR HIGHLIGHTS OF CONFERENCE WILL BE FORTHCOMING SHORTLY, WITH SUMMARY OF MAJOR DOCUMENTS AND FURTHER COMMENTS TO FOLLOW FROM CLUB DU SAHEL SECRETARIAT IN PARIS.

2. HEADS OF STATE FINAL COMMUNIQUE STRESSED WORSENING ECONOMIC SITUATION IN GENERAL, PARTICULARLY FOOD, AS RESULT OF RENEWED DROUGHT. FOOD SITUATION IN CAPE VERDE, THE GAMBIA, MAURITANIA, AND SENEGAL ELICITED SPECIFIC COMMENT. CHIEFS OF STATE DECIDED TO "STRENGTHEN MANPOWER AND FINANCIAL CAPABILITIES OF CILSS" TO ADDRESS THESE AND OTHER REGINAL PROBLEMS. AS EXPECTED, PRESIDENT JAWARA WAS ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF HEADS OF STATE CONFERENCE. SENEGALESE MINISTER ADRIEN SENGHOR WILL BE CILSS REGIONAL COORDINATOR. NEXT HEADS OF STATE CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD IN N'DJAMENA IN 1979.

3. CONFERENCE COMMUNIQUE NOTES "CERTAIN DELAYS" IN UN SPECIAL SAHEL FUND'S EXECUTION OF PROJECTS, AND APPEALS TO UN SECRETARY GENERAL "TO TAKE NECESSARY MEASURES TO LIGHTEN FINANCING PROCEDURES FOR PRIORITY PROJECTS." THIS WAS ONLY CIRITICAL NOTE STRUCK IN FINAL COMMUNIQUE. CONTENTIOUS ISSUES APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN MINIMAL THROUGHOUT 10 DAYS OF MEETINGS.

4. BANJUL'S EFFICIENT, WELL ORGANIZED ADMINISTRATION OF LARGEST SUCH CONFERENCE EVER HELD HERE CLEARLY INDICATES GAMBIAN CAPABILITY
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TO HOST SUCH MEETINGS IN FUTURE. ANY PRIOR TREPIDATIONS ABOUT GAMBIA'S ABILITIES IN THIS REGARD WERE QUICKLY LAID TO REST. IN SHORT, BANJUL HAS ENTERED THE LISTS AS QUIET, STABLE WEST AFRICAN CAPITAL ABLE TO HANDLE MAJOR INTERNATIONAL GATHERINGS NUMBERING PARTICIPATION IN THE HUNDREDS. WYGANT

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